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AFTER SUNY REPRESENTATIVE BENEDICT RETURNED FROM USSR HE DISCUSSED WITH CU/EE SOVIET DRAFT OF PROPOSED SUNY-MGU EXCHANGE. DEPTOFFS NOTED THAT STIPEND LEVELS SOUGHT BY SOVIETS WERE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THOSE UNDER IREX EXCHANGE AND INFORMED BENEDICT CU COULD NOT GIVE PARTIAL SUPPORT TO PROGRAM UNLESS STIPENDS REDUCED TO IREX LEVEL. SUNY HAS AGREED AND HAS REVISED AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM BUDGET ACCORDINGLY (COPY POUCHED EMBASSY JULY 20), AND WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL HERE NOW CAN BE FUNDED. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY POSITION NOT TO FUND SUNY PROPOSAL IN EXCESS OF DOLS 25,000 IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE USED FOR STIPENDS HIGHER THAN IREX LEVEL. SINCE SUNY STIPENDS WILL NOW BE AT IREX LEVEL, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MEET SUNY REQUEST FOR APPROXIMATELY DOLS 35,000. DOLS 6,000 OF THIS
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GRANT WOULD BE ONE TIME ITEM FOR FIRST YEAR ONLY, TO PAY

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PARTIAL COST OF CAMPUS REPLACEMENT FOR SUNY PROGRAM ADVISOR
AT MGU. DUE TO BUDGET CUT, SUNY HAS RECENTLY FIRED 1,000
FACULTY MEMBERS AND IS RELUCTANT TO ASSUME LIABILITY OF
FULLY FUNDIG EXTRA FACULTY POSITION FOR EXCHANGE WITH MGU,

SINCE THIS MIGHT GIVE RISE TO LEGAL ACTION BY LAID OFF
FACULTY. DEPT PREPARED TO GRANT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 35,000
TO SUNY FOR THIS FIRST DIRECT UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE, AND
TRUST EMBASSY CONCURS. ADVISE. HABIB

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